

equipment are available on a user-fee basis.

Please contact the post listed under the **FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT** for annual contributions and other Center-specific information or call the Trade Information Center for a program brochure at 1-800-USA-TRAD.

#### *Short-term Use of Commercial Centers by U.S. Companies or Organizations*

The joint project opportunity, which features long-term space for periods of one year or longer, is designed to assist nonprofit trade promotion organizations achieve long-term market development goals. The Commercial Centers in Sao Paulo and Jakarta also offer short-term use of business facilities to U.S. companies and business organizations on a user fee basis. For the latter group, the Commercial Center provides an ideal venue to achieve specific, short-term business objectives: hold meetings with prospective clients, potential agents/distributors, local staff, conduct market research, stage technical seminars or product launches, or find a local office. The length of time depends on the specific business objectives and proposals will be considered on a case-by-case basis. The broad goal of Commercial Centers is to offer clients a unique package that combines US&FCS counseling and trade programs and the convenience of using in-house business facilities—fully equipped offices, meeting and conference rooms, exhibit/display areas—at one site. The facilities are made available to complement the core US&FCS trade promotion programs and services which are designed to help U.S. companies export.

#### **Next Steps**

Contact the Commercial Centers directly to propose your use of the Commercial Centers on either a long-term or short-term basis. The Directors are in the best position to suggest most effective uses of the Commercial Center resources to achieve your business goals in-country. All proposals will be considered on a first-come, first-served basis.

For the convenience of clients, Commercial Center brochures will be made available through the Trade Information Center, located in Washington D.C.

For general inquiries or requests for export counseling on exploring business opportunities in Brazil, Indonesia and the People's Republic of China and neighboring markets, call 1-800-USA-TRAD and ask the Trade Information

Center for the nearest US&FCS domestic field office, referred to as the U.S. Export Assistance Center, for individual counseling.

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## **DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

### **National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

#### **Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request**

**TITLE:** Central Title and Lien Registry for Limited Access Permits.

**ACTION:** Proposed collection; comment request.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before May 26, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington DC 20230.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Charles L. Cooper, Financial Services Division, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), 1315 East West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910, (301) 713-2396.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### **I. Abstract**

The Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation Act requires NMFS to establish a central registry (Registry) for limited access permits (LAPs). The Registry will be the exclusive means of perfecting title to LAPs. It will also be the exclusive means of perfecting security interests in, assignments of, and liens and other encumbrances against LAPs (except for Federal tax liens). The

respondents will be commercial fishing industry creditors and borrowers, individuals, partnerships, corporations, and other fisheries parties which need to perfect limited access permit titles and liens.

## **II. Method of Collection**

The collection of information will be collected on the Central Title and Lien Registry filing forms.

## **III. Data**

*OMB Number:* New Collection.

*Form Numbers:* N/A.

*Type of Review:* Regular Submission.

*Affected Public:* Businesses and other for profit organizations—commercial fishermen, partnerships, and corporations applying for financing or buyback funds.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 3050.

*Estimated Time Per Response:* .5 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 1,525.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public:* No capital, operations, or maintenance costs are expected.

## **IV. Request for Comments**

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: March 19, 1998.

**Linda Engelmeier,**

*Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.*

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